

Please add the following claims.

69. (New) The process of Claim 57, wherein the catalyst has a surface area of ≥ 380 m²/g and a pore volume ≥ 1.10 cm³/g.

70. (New) A process for the preparation of a catalytic composition, wherein the composition comprises a beta zeolite, a metal of group VIB, a metal of Group VIII, and one or more oxides as a carrier, comprising:

a) preparing an alcoholic dispersion comprising a soluble salt of a metal of Group VIII, a beta zeolite, and one or more organic compounds capable of generating the supporting oxide or oxides;

b) preparing an aqueous solution comprising a soluble salt of the metal of group VIB, and optionally, tetraalkylammonium hydroxide having the formula R₄NOH;

c) mixing the alcoholic dispersion and the aqueous dispersion to obtain a gel;

d) aging the gel at a temperature ranging from 10 to 40°C;

e) drying the gel; and

f) calcinating the gel.

71. (New) The process according to Claim 70, wherein the salt of the metal of Group VIII is nitrate.

72. (New) The process according to Claim 70, wherein the organic compound capable of generating the oxide is the corresponding alkoxide, wherein substituents of the oxide have the formula (R'O)- wherein R' is an alkyl containing from 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

73. (New) The process according to Claim 72, wherein the alkoxide comprises an element Z selected from the group consisting of silicon, aluminum, titanium, zirconium, and mixtures thereof.

74. (New) The process according to Claim 72, wherein a trialkoxide having the formula $(R'O)_3Al$ is used, wherein R' is isopropyl or sec-butyl.

75. (New) The process according to Claim 72, wherein a trialkoxide having the formula $(R'O)_4Si$ is used, wherein R' is ethyl.

B2 76. (New) The process according to Claim 72, wherein a trialkoxide having the formula $(R'O)_4Zr$ is used, wherein R' is isopropyl.

77. (New) The process according to Claim 70, wherein the soluble salt of the metal of group VIB is an ammonium salt.

78. (New) The process according to Claim 70, wherein the tetraalkylammonium hydroxide has the formula R_4NOH , wherein R is an alkyl group containing from 2 to 7 carbon atoms.

79. (New) The process of Claim 70, wherein the catalyst has a surface area of ≥ 380 m^2/g and a pore volume ≥ 1.10 cm^3/g .

80. (New) The process of Claim 67, wherein the catalyst has a surface area of ≥ 380 m²/g and a pore volume ≥ 1.10 cm³/g.

81. (New) A process for the preparation of a catalytic composition, wherein the catalytic composition comprises a beta zeolite, a metal of group VIB, a metal of Group VIII, and one or more oxides, comprising:

a) preparing an alcoholic dispersion comprising a soluble salt of the metal of Group VIII and one or more organic compounds capable of generating the supporting oxide or oxides;

b) preparing an aqueous solution comprising a soluble salt of the metal of group VIB, and optionally, tetraalkylammonium hydroxide having the formula R₄NOH;

c) mixing the alcoholic dispersion and the aqueous dispersion to obtain a gel;

d) aging the gel at a temperature ranging from 10 to 40°C;

e) drying the gel;

f) mechanical mixing of the dried product with beta zeolite; and

g) calcinating the mixture.

82. (New) The process of Claim 81, wherein the catalyst has a surface area of ≥ 380 m²/g and a pore volume ≥ 1.10 cm³/g.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 32, 55-56, and 68 are canceled. Claim 41 is amended. Claims 69-82 are new. Support for the above amendment and the newly added claims is found at Table 1 at page 19,